

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of the claims:

Following is a listing of all claims in the present application, which listing supersedes all previously presented claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) A noise level updating system comprising:
a detecting device which detects a noise level of an input signal;
a noise level holding section for holding a noise level detected by the detecting
device as a reference value;
a determining device which determines updating of the noise level held in the
noise level holding section based on a plurality of subsequent noise levels; and
an updating device which updates the held noise level in accordance with
determination of the determining device.

~~The system according to claim 1 wherein the determining means~~ device
determines the updating of the held noise level when the difference between the
subsequent noise levels is smaller than a predetermined value and the difference
between the held noise level and the subsequent noise levels is larger than a
predetermined value.

3. (Canceled)